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CERTIFICATION

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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

A translation of a portion of a Japanese Office Action that issued March 11, 2003 with respect to a counterpart Japanese patent application is provided below.

"Claims: 1 through 6

Cited Literature: 1 through 3

A well-known technology to practitioners of the art is a configuration that provides a clock production unit on the transmission and reception sides respectively and transmits and receives data with the local clock as the standard, wherein it is possible to control the frequencies of the transmission side clock and the reception side clock and make them agree so that data is transmitted without error. (For example, refer to Cited Literature 1 through 3.)

Moreover, also well known to practitioners of the art are data transmission systems that transmit audio and video data using asynchronous transmission circuits. (If necessary, refer to Cited Literature 4, etc.)

Consequently, the invention related to Claims 1 through 6 of the present application could be easily conceived by a person skilled in the art based on the well-known technologies described in Cited Literature 1 through 4.

If new reasons for rejection are discovered, notification will be given of the reasons for rejection.

List of Cited Literature

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H3-159426
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication S56-34248
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H6-252906
4. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication S63-187942

Record of Prior Art Literature Search Results

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This Record of Prior Art Literature Search Results does not constitute a reason for rejection."

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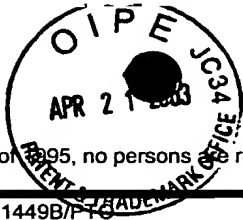
Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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